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WEDDING BELLS.

Cropper-Vaughan.

At 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, Aug. 9, 1911, at the charming home of the bride in Keytesville, Mo., Roy W. Cropper and Miss Sammy Vaughan were united in marriage by Rev. J. A. Snarr in his usual brief and felicitous style. There were none except Mr. Frank Hill and Miss Carrie Anderson were present, other than members of the respective families, among whom was Grand-ma Smith of Wakenda, who has lived to see five generations of her people and whom every one wishes may live to see as many more.

Mr. Roy W. Cropper, the eldest son of our highly esteemed townsman, Mr. J. L. Cropper, is a young man of excellent habits

Marybeth Smith, a cousin, the dime, in their respective portions. In the shower of brides bouquets, Miss Marybeth caught the first and will hold it against all comers for two years—so she says.

The pink and white color scheme was carried out in the flowers, decorations and luncheon and the various rooms lit by varicolored candles, the scene was pretty. The bride was costumed in a gown of white satin and chiffon heavily trimmed with lace and pearl and crystal beads, and carried a bouquet of brides roses. The groom was in black evening dress. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cropper, parents of the groom, and his sister, Vera, Misses Maud Smith, Lura Thomas, Marybeth Smith, Rae Thomas and Carrie Anderson; Mrs. Hannah Ellis Smith, and Mr. Frank Hill. There were no attendants as at first contemplated, the ring ceremony being used with abbreviations.

The wedded ones departed on the mid-night train for St. Louis, from whence they will go to New York and take in all the principal places of interest on their return home, where they expect to be by October first or earlier.

Roy and Sammy have the best wishes for a long and happy life from the Courier.

Sulky And Gang Plows.

Walking plows, disc and peg tooth harrows, disc drill, gasoline engines, cream separators, farm wagons and manure spreaders, also pumps, pipe and tanks, always on hand. Prices right and quality guaranteed. Don't forget me when you are in need of a good corn binder or corn cutter. Yours Truly,

R. K. Wright.
Indian Grove, Mo. 65tf

THE BIG UNION MEETING

The big Union Meeting now in progress under the tent on Price's Park is well attended, and considerable interest is beginning to be shown.

Rev. Montgomery is a forceful speaker, deeply in earnest and a favorite among the people.

Mr. Funk is a good singer, knows what to sing and when, and inspires much enthusiasm among the congregation as well as the choir.

He is very materially assisted by Mrs. J. E. Wolfe with her cornet as well as by good voices among our local singers.

Rev. Montgomery appears to be showing the effect of constant hard work, but Mr. Funk's health appears to improve, if avoidupolis indicates anything, and the harder he works the larger he seems to get, while Rev. Montgomery qualifies for long distance running.

Coal For Sale.

Coal delivered from Price's Bridge Bank to any part of town for 15 cents per bushel. Pay when delivered is made. Eleven cents cash at bank.

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Teachers' Meeting.

The regular meeting of school teachers will be held in Keytesville August 23 and 24. Plans for the coming year, new laws and other important subjects will be discussed. Supplies will be distributed. Examinations of the teachers will be held the two days following, Aug. 25 and 26. All teachers urged for their and their schools interest to be present during the whole time.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

R. P. Carroll Accidentally Shoots His Brother, Rufus and Kills Him.

Last Saturday afternoon about the time all business men were starting home for supper, what appeared to be the slamming of a screen door or dropping of a board was heard by many on the streets, and no notice was taken of the sound until Dr. Hughes was summoned to the pool hall several minutes after and was told that Rufus Carroll had been shot. The doctor rushed through the pool hall and into the rear of the building occupied by Aubrey Thrash as cafe, where he found Rufus Carroll lying on his back near the southwest corner of the room, with blood streaming from a hole in his forehead. A moment only was required to determine that the young man was dead, tho the pulse was still beating. No one was in the place at the time the doctor reached the place, but the brother was sitting in the alleyway as the doctor passed, prostrated. Further from the corner's investigation of the case Sunday morning at nine o'clock, it was learned that, the place having been closed the evening before under an agreement with officials, there was no one in the room at the time of the sad and fatal occurrence except R. P. Carroll, Rufus Carroll and Sterling Hudnall, and they were preparing to leave, when R. P. reached for an automatic revolver he had laid on a cracker box the night before, to put it away in a drawer. How it was discharged, no part of the evidence disclosed, but it did explode a cartridge as R. P. took it down, and the bullet sped as with an unerring aim straight through the brain of his brother, striking him in the forehead near the center and just above the right eye coming out at nearly the center of the back of the head.

It is doubtful if Rufus was conscious of even the flash from the revolver, it requiring one-seventh of a second for an impression through the eye, but no doubt can be entertained of the consciousness of R. P. of the awful tragedy the moment it occurred. The best of friends as well as brothers, he could only wish that their positions had been reversed and that he instead of his brother Rufus lay dead. But two are grinding at the mill—one is taken and the other left, and the other has no control of the selection.

Rufus Carroll was a good fellow, quiet, gentlemanly and considerate of all, all were his friends and well wishers. He was employed in the barber-shop of Herschell Davis, and had left there for a few minutes to see his brother R. P. about attending a dance that night, and had only found him a few moments before the lamentable accident which swept him into the great beyond.

Dr. Harry E. Tatum was notified and Sunday A. M. 9

o'clock held an inquest before a jury empanelled by Constable Jas. Worham, the jury viewing the remains at the home of deceased's mother, Mrs. John Carroll, where it had been taken soon after the death, and inspecting the place where the tragedy occurred and after hearing in the Odd Fellows Hall, testimony given by R. P. Carroll, Dr. B. Hughes, C. L. Herring, Horace Venable, Edgar Tisdale and R. C. Temple, returned the following verdict:

THE VERDICT:

"We the jury having been duly sworn by H. E. Tatum, coroner, of Chariton Co. Mo., diligently to enquire and true presentment make in what manner and by whom Rufus F. Carroll whose dead body was found at Thrashes cafe on the 5th day of August 1911 came to his death, after having heard the evidence, and upon full enquiry concerning the facts and a careful examination of said body, do find that the deceased came to his death by accidental explosion of a pistol in the hand of his brother, R. P. Carroll."

J. M. Mason, foreman.
B. F. Brewer, Jr.
W. M. Halliburton.
Otto Evertz.
J. R. Closson.
Will Moore.

At three o'clock Sunday afternoon, at the home of his mother, services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Huff, and amid deepest of sorrow and regret, the last testimonials of affection were shown to Rufus F. Carroll and he was left in his final earthly home at the city cemetery.

Piano Bargain.

I have a slightly used piano in the vicinity of Keytesville, Mo. to save expense of boxing and shipping, will sell very cheap for cash or payments as low as \$5 per month. Write E. M. Wallace, Cr. Smith & Barnes Piano Co. Chicago, Ill.

Blind For Life.

Dr. C. J. Smith took Dave Huffman to Newtown, Mo. last week, to have Missouri's celebrated eye specialist—Dr. C. F. Foster examine Dave's eyes. His trouble is chronic glaucoma—a hopeless case—and Huffman will be blind for lifetime. Had he been taken to the specialist some months ago it is probable partial sight might have been preserved.

Stock for Sale.

A two year old horse, good; a yearling mare colt; 2 good suckling mule colts; one red poll cow, 6 years old; 2 suckling calves, one heifer, both good; one yearling red poll heifer, one 2 year old jersey heifer. Also 26 acres of good wheat ground to rent.

PUNCH DOOLEY.

2 more car loads of ice as 60c hundreds pounds at J. M. Halleys phone 29.

Mrs. H. E. Tatum of Brunswick took the testimony for her husband, Dr. H. E. Tatum in the inquest over Rufus Carroll.

STATE HIGHWAY MEETING

Moberly Has the Biggest Meeting of Boosters for the Northern Route.

Last Wednesday, on a call of Judge George Robertson, of Mexico, there were gathered delegates from 8 counties thru which the State Highway should run, on what is termed the northern route. The rooms of the Commercial Club were not sufficient to comfortably hold the representatives present, and many had to stand thru the proceedings.

Judge Robertson was made chairman and Wm. Painter secretary, and several necessary committees were named to look after the various matters connected with securing the road. Chariton county was well represented, and the committee selected for this county to look after pledges from the towns and citizens concerning what they would do to get the road, is a strong one, being composed of John Legendre, of Salisbury, Judge Herring and Captain Benecke, of Brunswick. H. L. Hays, the finance committee from this county will look after raising funds for necessary expenses.

Governor Hadley learned of the meeting and the big delegations from each county, and requested that a committee be sent over to Jefferson City Thursday to confer with him on the subject of the northern route. Such a committee was appointed and the results will be known soon.

It now appears that not a county or town in the state thru which either of the three routes would pass, but what is only too willing to guarantee making a road full up to requirements in every respect, and some go further and say they will help their neighbors, if necessary.

In case it should pass thru our county, and there are now nine chances to one in our favor, Keytesville must make a number one street thru the city to connect with the road on each side, and help to make the road leading to and from the city as good as any part of the highway in the county.

We have been figuring on a paved or rock street thru the main part of the city anyhow, and there is no sort of question but that it should be built. State Highway or no State Highway. The increased distance to the corporate limits, in case of the highway coming, is not to be considered for a moment against benefits incalculable at this time. Everybody, everywhere, feel the greatest interest in getting the highway on account of what it would mean to them—why not our citizens of every degree. Lets pull together all over the county on this great improvement.

Roy Gray, County Highway Engineer and Chris Carlestad County School Commissioner, went from the Moberly meeting of the state highway boosters, to the conference with the Governor Thursday, called for by him. The delegates from the various counties who met the Governor and presented the purpose of the various counties and towns along the northern route, were very much pleased with their reception and the interest of the Governor in their favorite route. The committee were more than pleased to hear that the State Highway Commissioners expressed the opinion that the roads and lay of the land of in Chariton county are the best of any in the state.

Thrash Cafe Closed

Last Friday night W. A. Thrash closed his place of business permanently, under an

agreement, as we learn between the prosecuting attorney and Mr. Thrash's attorney, by which agreement Mr. W. A. Thrash and R. P. Carroll are to plead guilty to violating the law and be fined, and discontinue the business they were engaged in from last Friday night. The case against W. P. Thrash will be tried and his connection with the cafe determined.

It will be remembered that an order from the Supreme Court was obtained, which order restrained the Judge of the Circuit Court from the further enforcement of the injunction granted by him by which the cafe was closed July 4 and for several days, until the Supreme Court could determine on Oct. 8 whether the restraining order should be made permanent. Under the arrangement, the further action of the Supreme Court is unnecessary, and it will remain for the Circuit Judge to impose the fines on W. A. Thrash and R. P. Carroll and try the case against W. P. Thrash, unless the court should see fit to go further and investigate what appears to be acts of contempt. Some of the county papers, a few weeks ago, in commenting on the case, made statements which were such as to reflect on the court and prosecution, but were at least very previous. It pays in most cases to look closely at what is handed you, and closer still at the hander. He laughs best who laughs last.

John W. Gates, the wonderfully successful financier, died Wednesday morning in Paris, France, at the age of 56 years, after an illness of weeks from kidney trouble. Mr. Gates devoted the most of his spare time to the turf, and was a world wide operator. He began business as a hardware merchant at Turner Junction, Ill., and married Delora B. Baker at St. Charles, Ill. in 1874. Only one child, Charles G. Gates was born to them, and he with his mother were with the financier when he died.

Coal for Sale.

Best Huntsville lump at 13c. Best Illinois nut at 15c. Best Illinois lump 14 1-2c. Delivered to any part of the city.

WILL MOORE.

C. A. Clarkson of Mussel Fork, has had Cockrell township added to his district, and he is now registrar for both Mussel Fork and Cockrell townships, designated as registration district No. 960 and composed of Mussel Fork township, district No. 5250 and Cockrell township, district No. 5247. All reports of doctors and undertakers in these districts are required to be made to Mr. Clarkson.

For Sale.

80 acre farm 5 miles south of Dalton. For particulars address H. W. FAIRCHILD, 3007 a Cass Ave, St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Genevieve Aldridge returned to her home in St. Louis Tuesday, little Miss Catherine Ewing accompanying her for a two or three weeks stay.

Notice.

All meat orders, to insure delivery must be in by 11 a. m. or 5 p. m.

L. B. Thrash.

Mrs. A. C. Gaylo and Miss Clara Aldridge of St. Louis are visiting at the home of John J. Ewing.

Gen. Geo. W. Gordon, commander of United Confederate Veterans and member of Congress died at his home in Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday.



and ability, and a favorite in his set. He has qualified himself at home and in schools abroad for almost anything he may choose to follow, and his application to whatever is in hand assures his success.

His accomplished wife is a Keytesville girl, and that means a compound of every creature's best. A graduate of Christian College, a distinguished member of the Sigma Theta Sorority—standing high in art and elocution—known as the youngest woman ever in charge of a newspaper in the capacity of editor and business manager, having conducted the Courier for about a year; gentle but firm, sincerely sociable and domestic from love for home, Mr. Cropper has been



highly favored but charged with great responsibility by having placed in his keeping the welfare and happiness of such a woman. The bride is and has always been a favorite among her associates at home and abroad, and was sought after by many young ladies high in society in other cities to an extent which kept her away from home a considerable part of the time during which she was not herself entertaining.

The home was splendidly decorated with flowers, and brides roses, bouquets were souvenirs. After the ceremony and congratulations a splendid luncheon was served, at which the brides cake was cut, and Miss Maud Smith, aunt of the bride, found the ring. Miss Lura Thomas, a cousin, the darning needle and Miss

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